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Hoekstra Holds Telephone Town Halls

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra is currently holding a series of telephone town halls. The new method of interaction has added another opportunity for people in Michigan's Second Congressional District to connect with their congressman while he is working in Washington, D.C.

The telephone town halls typically occur between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. on weekdays.

During the town halls, constituents are contacted by telephone. After a slight pause, the person contacted will hear a message from Congressman Hoekstra and will be given the option to listen in on the town hall. As the town hall progresses, constituents will be able to ask the congressman questions, listen to his responses and participate in policy polls gauging the Second District's positions on certain issues that are relevant to them.

The telephone town halls typically last an hour. Those who do not answer the phone will receive a message about the town hall and will be provided with contact information for Hoekstra's district offices. Those who wish to be put on a Do Not Call list are given the option to do so when they are first called.

IRS to Distribute Economic Stimulus Payments

In January, U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra supported H.R. 5140, the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, which will provide economic stimulus checks to over 130 million households across the nation.

To receive a payment, taxpayers must have a legal Social Security number, file a 2007 tax return and earn at least \$3,000 in income last year. Beginning in May, qualified people will receive a check up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples), and parents will receive an additional \$300 for each child under 17.

The economic stimulus rebates Congress passed will help boost the economy in the short term, but Congressman Hoekstra is committed to promote an agenda that creates long term growth through making current tax rates permanent and streamlining government regulations.

For more information on the stimulus payments visit: <http://hoekstra.house.gov/FAQ>

Hoekstra Writes Op-ed on Radical Jihadists and Free Speech

On March 26, 2008, the Wall Street Journal printed an op-ed written by U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra. Hoekstra discusses radical jihadists and the importance of free speech.

To view the op-ed visit: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB120649269618764219.html>

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